

Civilian casualty more than insurgents in Northeast: MHA

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Courtesy-North East Now

The number of civilian casualty in insurgency related violence in the north-eastern states till March this year is more than the casualty suffered by the insurgent organizations. This comes close against Centre's claim of declining insurgency in the Northeast. Statistics available with the union home ministry said that 16 civilians have been killed in 104 insurgency related violence in the north-eastern states this year. Four security personnel and two extremists were also killed during the same time.

The major civilian casualty took place in Arunachal Pradesh where as many as 11 civilians were killed by suspected NSCN-IM militants. Two security personnel were also killed in 20 different incidents that took place in the State. Four civilians were killed in Manipur in 50 different incidents where two extremists were also killed in the State in the month of May. Sources in the home ministry said that the central government has been following a multi-pronged strategy to deal with the security situation in north-eastern states which comprises of security related

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measures and development and rehabilitation related initiatives. "Central Government is following apolicy of talks with those groups who abjure the path of violence and seek resolution of their demands

peacefully within the framework of the Constitution of India," said the sources. Significantly, Tripura is the only state in the Northeast where no insurgency related violence took place this year.

28 districts in Assam reeling under flood

Courtesy: Assam Tribune
Guwahati, July 15,

More than 26 lakh people have been affected by floods in 28 districts of Assam as on Sunday, even as the death toll rose to nine. The deaths were reported in Dhemaji (2), Golaghat (3), Jorhat (2), Barpeta (1) and Dhubri (1). Two other incidents of death due to rainfall-induced landslides were also reported. According to the Indian Meteorology Department (IMD), there is a likelihood of more rainfall in the State in the next 48 hours. "The Union Home Minister has reviewed the flood scenario of the State and we have explained him the

scenario. The Government of India has assured that the first instalment of the financial package for flood relief would be released soon," Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management department, told media persons here. "We have enough fund at our disposal at the moment for relief operations and around Rs 56 crore has been released for districts depending on the requirement," Krishna said, adding that comprehensive assessment of the damage could only be done after the flood is over. Last year, fund to the tune of Rs 590 crore was released by the Centre for flood. The flood-affected districts

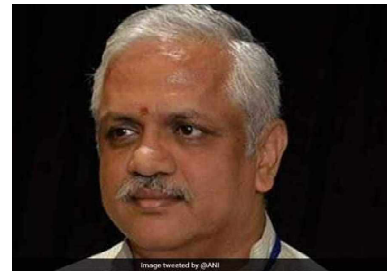
of the State are Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Biswanath, Sonitpur, Darrang, Baksa, Barpeta, Nalbari, Chirang, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Goalpara, Kamrup, Morigaon, Hojai, Nagaon, Golaghat, Majuli, Jorhat, Sivasagar, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Cachar, Dhubri and West Karbi Anglong. Further, the Brahmaputra river was flowing above danger level at the Neamatighat (Jorhat), Tezpur (Sonitpur), Guwahati, Goalpara and Dhubri points till July 13. Similarly, Burhidingh at Khowang, Subansiri at Badatighat, Dhansiri at Numaligarh, Jia Bharali in Sonitpur, Kopili at Kamrup and Dharamtuli, Puthimari in Kamrup, Beki in

Barpeta, Barak in Cachar, Katakhal at Matizuri, and Kushiara at Karimganj were also above danger level till July 13. Krishna also informed that 168 proposals for repairing embankments sent by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have been approved so far, for which an amount of Rs 250 crore has already been released. Teams of the NDRF and the SDRF are stationed at various flood-affected locations for search and rescue operation. As far as Kaziranga National Park is concerned, around 70 per cent of its total area is affected by flood and the district administration has been put on alert.

BL Santhosh Appointed BJP's New General Secretary

Agency
New Delhi, July 15,

BJP president Amit Shah on Sunday elevated party's joint general secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh as its general secretary (organisation), a day after Ramlal was moved back to the RSS after holding the post for over 13 years. BL Santhosh, an RSS "pracharak" with experience of electoral politics, especially in Karnataka, is considered a strong ideologue who is also well-versed with the poll dynamics. The BJP said in a statement that his appointment comes



into immediate effect. BL Santhosh was the party's general secretary (organisation) for eight years in Karnataka before he was made a national office bearer in charge of southern states in 2014.

3 activists of disabled rights honoured at Jaipur



IT News
Imphal, July 15,

Three sons of the soil who were born differently and have been dedicating their service for the welfare of the differently abled people of the state were honoured in recognition to their service during the award distribution

ceremony of International India Bestiz Award 2019 held at Suresh Gyan Bihar University, Jaipur. The award distribution ceremony was organised every year by NRB Foundation and Bhavya International Jaipur Program Manager of the Relief Centre for the Welfare

of Differently Abled Persons Manipur, , Moirangthem Premier Singh, Training Consultant-cum-Project Consultant Mayengbam Bikram Luwang and Vice-President Lenin Hirom from the state of Manipur were honoured by presenting Certificate and Memotos by the organizers.

Floods Affect 15,000 in Tripura, Mizoram, train services hit

Source agency
Agartala, July 15,

Over 15,000 people have shifted to relief camps and other safer places in Tripura and Mizoram due to flooding of low lying areas and villages by rain, officials said on Sunday. Train services between Tripura, Mizoram and the rest of the country have been affected due to rain and landslides. Bodies of three people, drowned in swollen rivers, were retrieved by rescuers. According to officials, over 12,000 people have taken shelter in 38 relief camps on the outskirts Agartala, and Jirania, Kalyanpur and Teliamura in western Tripura. "The government has



deployed the Tripura State Rifles and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel and civil defence volunteers to rescue the marooned people," Sadar Sub-Divisional Officer Ashim Saha told IANS. "Water in several rivers, including Howrah, has crossed

the danger level. We have taken precautionary measures to deal with any eventuality," he said. Agartala and its outskirts have been badly affected due to the continuous rain since Saturday. "Around 200 mm rainfall was recorded in Agartala since Saturday against the normal 11.4 mm," an official of the

Tripura State Disaster Centre said. The body of a man was recovered on Sunday from Muhuri river in southern Tripura. He apparently drowned while collecting woods from the flooded river on Saturday. Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has asked Chief Secretary Usurupati Venkateswarlu and other officials to remain alert to deal with the situation. In Mizoram, over 3,000 people have taken shelter in safer places in the Lunglei district as Khawthlangpuipui river and its tributaries submerged nearly 400 houses. The bodies of two youth, who drowned in Tlawng river, were recovered by the State Disaster Response Force personnel.

Dr.Sushildro's Dental Clinic open; Free Dental Check-Up for Journalists held



IT News
Thoubal, July 15,

Free dental check up for journalists of Kakching and Thoubal district was held yesterday at the newly open Dr. Sushildro's Dental Clinic located at Thoubal Bamol Leirak, Thoubal district in connection with the inauguration of the clinic.

The inaugural function of the dental clinic was attended by Dr.Th.Khomdon Singh, President, Manipur Sahitya Smiti Thoubal, Senior Journalist Soibam Binoy Singh, Dr. Soibam Saratchandra Singh, Dental Surgeon District Hospital Thoubal and Dr. Kiran Gupta as dignitaries.

AR conducts friendly congregation at Molcham

IT News
Imphal, July 15,

Moltuk Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under aegis of IGAR (South) organised a friendly congregation of villagers in Molcham, Chandel district yesterday. The event was aimed at understanding the difficulties being faced by the locals in such a remote village along the India Myanmar Border and to strengthen the bonding of trust and friendship with them. It gave an opportunity to the Armed personnel to discuss the problems being faced by the villagers and also their needs. A total of 63 villagers attended the event which culminated with a church service and lunch for all. The villagers appreciated the kind gesture of Assam Rifles.

Naveen Patnaik Asks Lawmakers To Submit Report On Issues Raised In Parliament



Agency
Bhubaneswar, July 15,

BJD president Naveen Patnaik Sunday asked party MPs to apprise him of the issues they raise in Parliament and steps

taken to resolve them once in two months. Both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members of the party have been asked by Mr Patnaik, also the chief minister of Odisha, to submit the report

by 10th day of the month beginning from August, BJD general secretary Bijay Kumar Nayak said. Mr Patnaik intends to review these reports regularly and give suggestions on various issues, he said. The chief minister had earlier asked the ministers to give him a report regarding their departments every month. The BJD supreme has also asked first-time party MLAs to be polite and remain connected to the ground. Similarly, during a recent

meeting with ministers, Mr Patnaik had asked them to undertake extensive tours to their constituencies in order to take direct feedback from people about pace of implementation of developmental programmes and various schemes of the government. Mr Patnaik also praised the women BJD members in the Lok Sabha and said he was touched the way the women MPs raised various issues on the state's interest in their speeches recently.